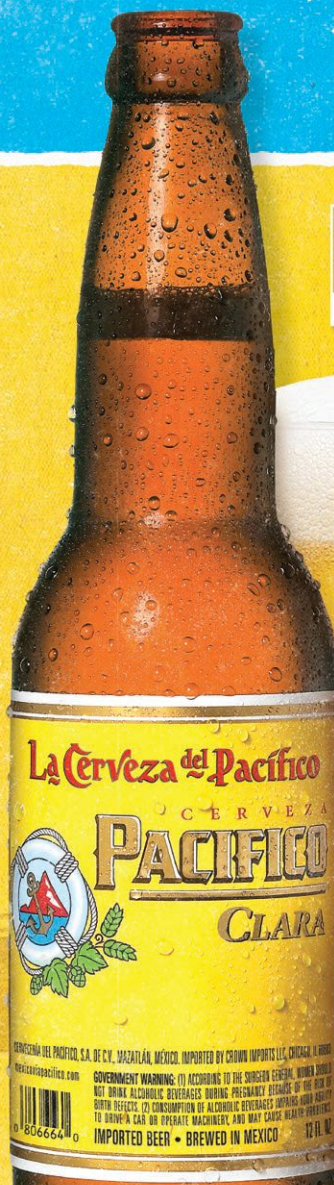




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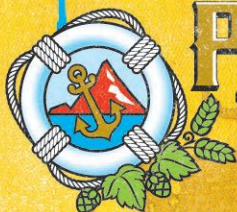


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Welcome to the Third Annual OC Weekly Surf Guide, where we are dedicated to celebrating the great traditions of our sunny Southern California beaches and lifestyle. This year we invite you to discover event schedules, insider tips, and articles about the sport of surfing. For many, surfing has been a life changing passtime, sport, passion, and a way of life. Whether you are a grom or an experienced toes on the nose long boarder, this guide will be your resource for all things surfing. We are honored to present a closer look into the lives of local surf industry leaders and heroes that make the OC one of the most desired places to live.

Continue to immerse yourself this summer in what is known to be a unique surfing culture. No matter if you choose to get lost in the rhythmic flow of the ocean's waves or plan on catching some rays while watching the action this summer, remember that the surfing community is one of the most organic groups around Southern California. This surf guide is your opportunity to dive deeper into a community that we love to support and feature.

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# EVENT SCHEDULE



| TIME                      | SPORT/EVENT                                     | VENUE         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>SATURDAY, JULY 26</b>  |                                                 |               |
| 8:00a - 1:20p             | Junior Men: Rd 1 (H1 - 16)                      | Surf Stadium  |
| 1:20p - 4:00p             | Junior Men: Rd 2 (H1 - 8)                       | Surf Stadium  |
| <b>SUNDAY, JULY 27</b>    |                                                 |               |
| 8:00a - 10:40a            | Men's Trials: Rd 1 (H1 - 8)                     | Surf Stadium  |
| 10:40a - 12:00p           | Men's Trials: Quarter Finals (H1 - 4)           | Surf Stadium  |
| 12:00p - 12:50p           | Men's Trials: Semi Finals (H1 & 2)              | Surf Stadium  |
| 12:50p - 2:10p            | Junior Women: Rd 1 (H1 - 4)                     | Surf Stadium  |
| 2:00p - 5:00p             | Shop Battle                                     | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 2:10p - 3:30p             | Junior Women: Quarter Finals (H1 - 4)           | Surf Stadium  |
| <b>MONDAY, JULY 28</b>    |                                                 |               |
| 7:30a - 4:30p             | Men's: Rd 1 (H1-18)                             | Surf Stadium  |
| 12:00p - 6:00p            | Industry Skate Day                              | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 6:30p - 9:00p             | Vans Movie Nights: Despicable Me 2              | Amphitheater  |
| <b>TUESDAY, JULY 29</b>   |                                                 |               |
| 7:30a - 10:30a            | Men's: Rd 1 (H19 - 24)                          | Surf Stadium  |
| 10:30a - 1:30p            | Women's: Rd 1 (H1-6)                            | Surf Stadium  |
| 1:30p - 4:30p             | Men's: Rd 2 (H1-6)                              | Surf Stadium  |
| 4:00p - 6:00p             | Women's Skate Contest                           | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 6:30p - 9:00p             | Vans Movies Nights:<br>Ferris Bueller's Day Off | Amphitheater  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 30</b> |                                                 |               |
| 7:30a - 10:30a            | Women's: Rd 2 (H1 - 6)                          | Surf Stadium  |
| 10:30a - 12:30p           | Women's: Rd 3 (H1 - 4)                          | Surf Stadium  |
| 12:30p - 3:30p            | Men's: Rd 2 (H7 - 12)                           | Surf Stadium  |
| <b>THURSDAY, JULY 31</b>  |                                                 |               |
| 7:30a - 9:30a             | Women's: Rd 4 (H1 - 4)                          | Surf Stadium  |
| 9:30a - 1:30p             | Men's: Rd 3 (H1 - 8)                            | Surf Stadium  |
| 1:30p - 2:50p             | Junior Men: Quarter Finals (H1 - 4)             | Surf Stadium  |
| 3:00p - 3:45p             | Life Rolls On Expression Session                | Surf Stadium  |

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| TIME                      | SPORT/EVENT                                                      | VENUE         |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 1</b>   |                                                                  |               |
| 7:30a - 11:30a            | Men's: Rd 4 (H1 - 8)                                             | Surf Stadium  |
| 11:00p - 1:00p            | BMX Prelims<br>(H1-4 / 20 Min Jam - 5 min warm up between heats) | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 11:30a - 1:30p            | Women's: Quarter Finals (H1 - 4)                                 | Surf Stadium  |
| 1:30p - 2:50p             | QUARTERS / DTI<br>pres by Pacifico (Longboard)                   | Surf Stadium  |
| 3:00p - 3:35p             | Occy vs. Curren                                                  | Surf Stadium  |
| 4:00p - 6:00p             | Van Doren Invitational /<br>Pro Skate Qualifiers                 | Vans Pro Bowl |
| <b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 2</b> |                                                                  |               |
| 7:30a - 11:30a            | Men's: Rd 5 (H1 - 8)                                             | Surf Stadium  |
| 11:30a - 12:20p           | SEMI-FINAL / DTI<br>pres by Pacifico (Longboard)                 | Surf Stadium  |
| 12:20p - 1:10p            | Junior Women: Semi Finals (1 & 2)                                | Surf Stadium  |
| 1:10p - 2:00p             | Junior Men: Semi Finals (1 & 2)                                  | Surf Stadium  |
| 2:00p - 2:30p             | FINAL / Vans US Open of Surfing<br>Women's Pro Junior            | Surf Stadium  |
| 2:30p - 3:00p             | FINAL / Vans US Open of Surfing<br>Men's Pro Junior              | Surf Stadium  |
| 3:00p - 3:30p             | FINAL / Vans Joel Tudor DTI<br>pres by Pacifico (Longboard)      | Surf Stadium  |
| 3:00p - 5:00p             | Van Doren Invitational / Pro Semi Finals                         | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 3:30p - 3:45p             | Vans US Open of Surfing Awards:<br>Pro Junior Women & Men, DTI   | Surf Stadium  |
| 5:00p - 6:00p             | FINAL / Van Doren Invitational                                   | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 6:00p - 6:15p             | Skate Awards                                                     | Vans Pro Bowl |
| <b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 3</b>   |                                                                  |               |
| 8:00a - 10:00a            | Men's: Quarter Finals (H1 - 4)                                   | Surf Stadium  |
| 10:00a - 11:10a           | Women's: Semi Finals (1 & 2)                                     | Surf Stadium  |
| 10:30a - 11:00a           | Vans Classic BMX Jam                                             | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 11:00a - 11:30a           | BMX Final Warm-up                                                | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 11:10a - 12:20p           | Men's: Semi Finals (1 & 2)                                       | Surf Stadium  |
| 11:30a - 12:15p           | FINAL / Van Doren Invitational BMX<br>(30 min. Jam)              | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 12:20p - 12:25p           | FINAL / High Air Contest (5 min. Jam)                            | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 12:20p - 12:55p           | FINAL / Women's<br>Vans US Open of Surfing                       | Surf Stadium  |
| 12:30p - 12:40p           | Van Doren Invitational BMX &<br>High Air Contest Awards          | Vans Pro Bowl |
| 12:55p - 1:30p            | FINAL / Men's<br>Vans US Open of Surfing                         | Surf Stadium  |
| 1:30p - 1:50p             | Vans US Open of Surfing Awards:<br>Women & Men                   | Surf Stadium  |

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BY GEVRINA CATALINA

# BOUTIQUE SHAPER SHOP

**Known as the “surf capital of the world” Huntington Beach attracts people from all walks of life.** Its beaches, people, and lifestyle have inspired other surfing cultures around the world, making Huntington Beach the prime destination for all things surf. Former professional surfer, Barry Vandermeulen, from South Africa, dreamt of coming to the US since he was a grom. He participated in his first professional tour when he was 19 in California, and was hooked ever since. At the age of 24, Barry slowly transitioned from professional surfer to shaper. We caught up with Barry, who has been shaping for almost 30 years in Huntington Beach, at his shop to talk about shaping.



## Q: WHAT IS BOARD SHAPING?

**A:** “Well, board shaping is taking a rough blank, and oversized foam blank, and one shapes or cuts the dimensions into the blank. When I shape, it’s both an adjective and a verb at the same time. The shape describes the overall cut of the surfboard, but also, shaping refers to what I do when I get my planer and cut the outline, and thin out the foam, and turn the rails. Basically, my point is to make sure that the board performs in the water for that rider. It’s the first part of building a surfboard, and in my opinion, it’s the most critical part. If you build/shape the board too thin or too sharp, it might not perform how the surfer expects.”

## Q: HOW LONG IS THE SHAPING PROCESS?

**A:** “About an hour per customer to order the board. From that point forward, it takes possibly an hour to shape, an hour to paint, and the entire process normally takes about 3-5 weeks to get the board back under your feet. Part of that is there is a line, whether it’s the air brusher or the glossing factory it gets in line so that’s part of the waiting process. Once it’s shaped, I put down or airbrush color on the board. I do most of it myself so things don’t get lost in translation. Once airbrushed, the board is laminated to seal the coloring and seal the foam. Then you come back, pick up your board, paddle out the next morning, and then you are addicted for life.”



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**Q: WHAT'S YOUR  
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SHAPING SURFBOARDS?**

**A:** "I make every board myself. I don't have any ghost shapers and I don't have anybody other than myself touching the boards. So, I feel the personal touch I do is that I do every design aspect with the client's input. That in this day in age is a dying breed. Now shapers and most people don't talk to each other. I think the unique thing about a smaller boutique guy, like me, is that you get to talk to me, know me, and see the process of your board getting built. You get to have one on one feedback of things you like or don't like so I can make adjustments as we go."





## Q: WHOM DID YOU LEARN TO SHAPE FROM?

**A:** "I learned in South Africa, from a world legendary shaper on surfboard design, Spider Murphy. He's a South African shaper, who has shaped boards for world champions like Martin Potter and Sean Thompson and other amazing surfers. That was the first person I shaped for as a 17 year old. I've been shaping for 28 years. I started from the ground up, where I swept the shaping bay, took out trash and cleaned up. I slowly graduated into the shaping room, where I was able to sit with Murphy and learn how to shape. So that was an amazing experience being tutored by one of the greatest shapers in South Africa. It was a privilege to work with him."

## Q: WHAT WERE SOME CHALLENGES FIRST ENDURED?

**A:** "Some of the challenges I first endured while shaping were in South Africa, when you get out of high school, you have to go straight into the army. At 17 years old I had to go to the army, so I had to mix my careers surfing, the army and shaping all together. I spent 2 years in the army so that was challenging trying to balance everything."



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soul from the boards. Even when the board comes off the CNC machine, I still spend almost as much time. You cannot help to put everything into that board."

## **Q: WHAT ARE SOME EVOLUTIONS IN SHAPING ASIDE FROM CNC THAT YOU'VE SEEN?**

**A:** "I'd say the most simple one is the reintroduction of four fin surfboards. More and more people are ordering 4 fins, instead of 3 fins, which was the industry standard for a long time. Four fins is a big shift in direction. Materials are also becoming lighter and stronger, so there is a shift in materials being used. Before there was fiberglass, now we think about what kind of fiberglass to use based on the rider and their conditions. The foam or fiberglass have been improving going stronger and lighter."

## **Q: ARE THERE ANY CONTROVERSIES IN SHAPING?**

**A:** "I think a big one is the advent of the CNC machine. When CNC machines first came around, people saw it as taking the soul out of shaping—but for me, I own a CNC machine, and it's almost like architecture. Architects use to do things with line drawings and squares, but now they do it with CAD on the computer. The CNC is designing on CAD; really the wave of the future is the CNC machine. It allows for tracking a design and fine-tuning. I feel it's the necessary tool for the future in order to keep up with technology and make finite adjustments. Then there are complete hand shaped fanatics, who state, that CNC takes out the

## **Q: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE SURFING CULTURE IN CALIFORNIA?**

**A:** Well that's what brought me here 20 something years ago. This is the epicenter of the surfing universe, if you live here, you might not realize the impact California surfing and culture has on the world. Everywhere in the world everyone



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copies the California lifestyle. Whether you are in South Africa or Brazil, you see photographs of the US OPEN or OP PRO, and you can't help but to dream about coming here. As far as the number of people, ability to afford surfboards, and willingness to deal with shapers, you don't find that anywhere but here."

## Q: TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR SHOP?

A: "My shop is called *Barry V's Surfboards* located on 8570 Hamilton Ave in Huntington Beach. It's like a little factory outlet type of shop, where you can come as a surfer and order a surfboard custom made. I've been in this same location for 15 years and I have worked for a number of companies before I opened up my own shop. My shop acts like two businesses. The first business is custom making surfboards for the everyday surf and the second business is for shapers. I have other shapers come to my shop to use my CNC machine where I will mill their boards for them. It's honestly a unique space."



BARRY VANDERMEULEN (LEFT)  
AND JOHN WILDFONG (RIGHT)

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BY MICHAEL L. VOORS

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Here, surfers battle the roar of the crowd, o-m-g huge waves, and the fear dripping pilings of the Huntington Beach pier that instills sudden panic when completing a wave. "Shoot the pier, or get hit like a deer," said old Billy Boy. This is the summer event of the year for Orange County, and everyone will be there. And I mean like, everyone. So to stay afloat in the sea of people, here are some helpful tips to get you through.

Riding a bike is the best way to absorb the *US Open*, while saving yourself from the nightmare of parking in the mighty HB. Trying to find a space close to Main Street ultimately results in road rage, depression, hunger, "poopy mood," or ripping your hair out and shoving it in your AC so it blows in your face while you scream like lion. Save the day and avoid this at all costs by bringing a bike, and a lock.

Now Huntington is yours to explore. Ride the bike path, and immerse thyself with brown

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Now you're in the thick of the event. Wandering through the maze of vendor row is a must. This is where unfortunately good-looking people give you free stuff. Yes. With so many stickers you can build your own beach cruiser with enough left over for ding repair. There are also plenty of food vendors hooking up the best Huntington has to offer. Lines can get long so bring extra hands. Also, cell service can get spotty with all the spray Kelly Slater has been throwing, so lock down a meeting spot for your group. Can't live without Instagram? Plug in at one of the many charging station booths. Also on tap, look for the Skate and BMX events in the huge bowl constructed on the beach for a rare union of Surfing, Skating, and BMXing.

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# HEALING THROUGH SURFING

BY GEVRINA CATALINA

A loss of any kind is never easy, but it's the courage of some that can make a loss less painful. It's what you do with a loss that potentially can drive one to do things that he or she would have never thought possible. Pat Notaro III honors his late father, former Sony Executive, Pat Notaro Jr., by touching the lives of numerous people and facilitating the healing process of others. Some of the best moments that Notaro had with his father were while surfing; this unique bond that they shared in the ocean inspired Notaro to start *A Walk On Water* founded in 2012 and designed to aid special needs children and their families by providing a unique water therapy experience through guided surfing instruction. The main focus of the charity is to offer special needs children the magical and healing benefits of ocean water through surfing, while also promoting the opportunity of building

self-confidence through the sport.

The children's families are also an integral part of the children's surfing sessions as they are invited to come to the beach and cheer their loved ones on. This positive and loving environment empowers the children and allows them to comfortably partake in a sport that at times can be intimidating without proper instruction. "We pair up each participant



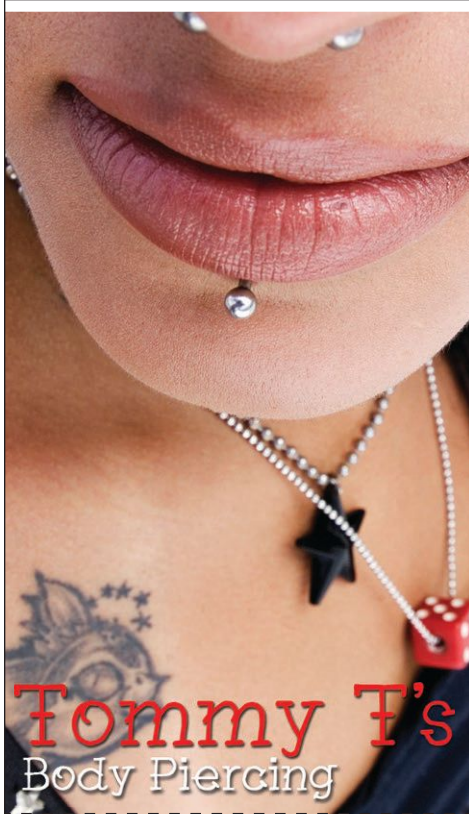
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parts of their brain that they can't access because there are so many things that they are sensitive to in every day life."

While the organization is young, its mission is growing exponentially every day, making significant strides in creating an impact in the community and on Mother Nature. While they might only seem an humanitarian organization, in time A Walk On Water will evolve as both an humanitarian and environmental organization. This year there are





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a lot of exciting things one can expect from *A Walk On Water* as they will be having their first event in Orange County in Bolsa Chica this September as well as a clothing line in the Fall. "We will be launching a clothing line in the fall making us the first clothing company in the action sport industry that will give back," mentioned Notaro. The organization has received ample support from sponsors like kai, Katin, Cafee Vita, and Body Glove, just to name a few, as well as professional surfer, Taylor Knox. The ultimate goal for *A Walk On Water* is to have multiple chapters around the US so they can touch more lives in a positive way. Notaro shares, "the big picture is we want people to get involved and volunteer." For more information about how to get involved and their upcoming events, visit their website: [www.awalkonwater.com](http://www.awalkonwater.com).



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# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRADITION STILL ALIVE

BY GEVRINA CATALINA

A Southern California tradition could have been eliminated this year, as the South Coast AQMD (Air Quality Management District) continued to press the prohibition on beach burning as proposed in the amendments to Rule 444, which would have resulted in the removal of all fire rings in all Southern California beaches. If passed, Huntington Beach would have experienced negative effects more prominently than any other beach city with fire rings, losing approximately 500 fire rings. The removal of the fire rings would have hurt the city of Huntington Beach economically, as the fire rings generate over one million dollars in revenue from parking each year.

Many residents argued last year that not only has beach burning been a tradition in Southern California for over 60 years, but also, that there was no significant evidence that justified the removal of the fire rings. The South Coast AQMD, however, thought differently. The South Coast AQMD staff had expressed that the burning wood in a fire ring releases carcinogens that are similar to those in a pack of cigarettes or in a diesel engine. While these were frightening claims, residents continued to stand strong in their desire to save a tradition that they found was not life threatening. After 2 ½ hours of public testimony last year, the South Coast AQMD voted to approve amendments to its Rule

444—open burning. Under the new measure, which became effective March 14, 2014, beach bonfires will be allowed in Orange County and Los Angeles County depending on the following criteria: fire pits must be at least 700 feet from the nearest residence and they must be at least 100 feet apart (cities that have 15 or fewer pits must have a 50 feet spacing between each pit).

Fire rings in Huntington Beach, Bolsa Chica and Dockweiler State Beach will not be affected by the distance criteria, however, the City of Newport Beach has to better disperse or remove all 60 fire rings in order to meet the new requirements. There are talks that the South Coast AQMD is working on approving requests for design bids of 25 low-emission fire rings that would use propane or natural gas as the burning source. These approved designs of the low-emission fire rings can be expected for installation in areas of the City of Newport Beach. If accepted by beach goers, these new clean-fueled fire pits could potentially be the fate of all existing fire rings in the future, as it is said to promote a healthier environment and ultimately protect our beaches. While a tradition that is important to so many beach goers, the future of fire rings is still uncertain as the South Coast AQMD continues to make strides toward transforming a lifestyle on the beach.

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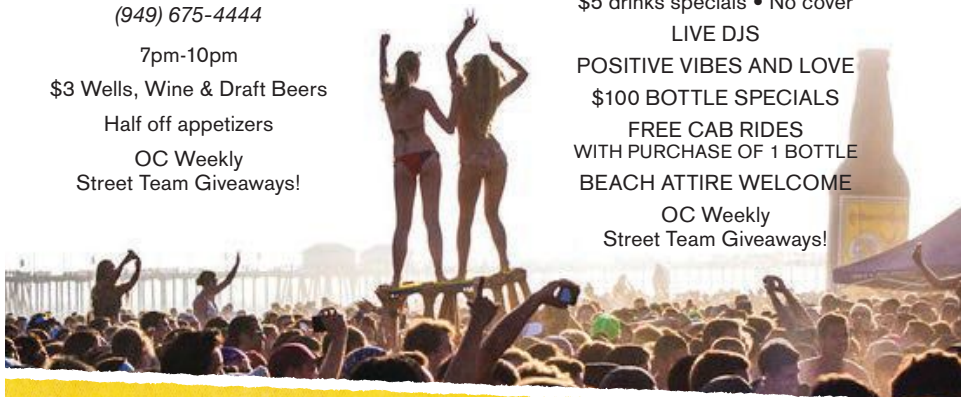
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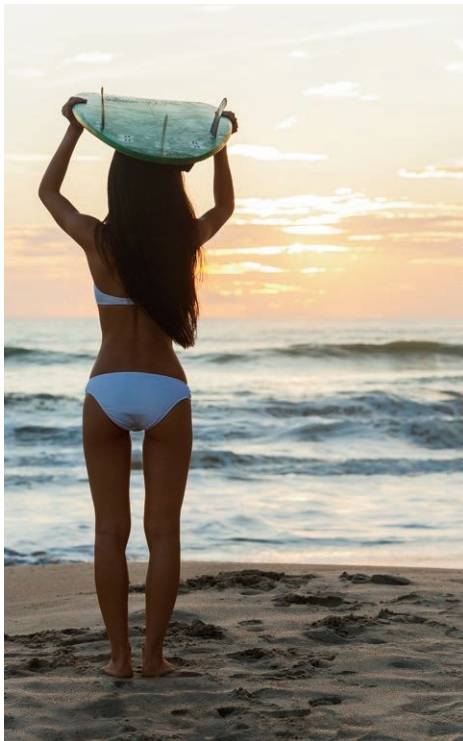
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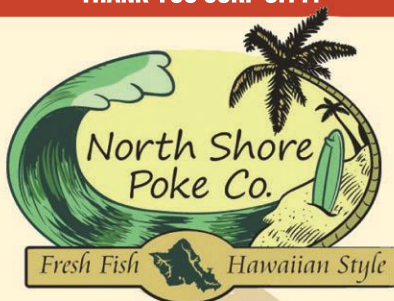
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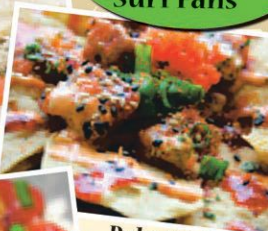


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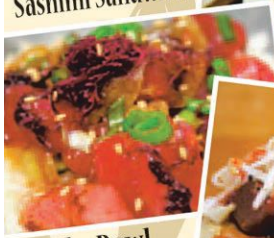
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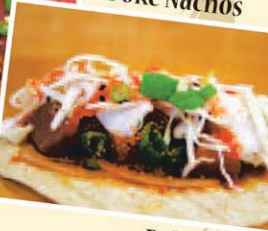
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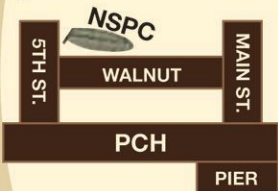


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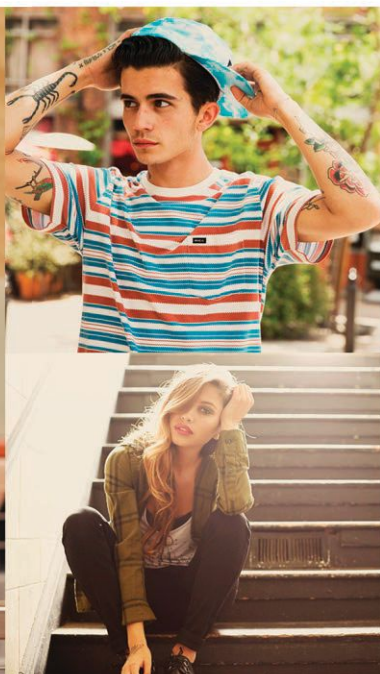
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